

**RICHMOND TRI-CITIES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
GROUP A**

January 15, 2013

Hosted by: Faith & Family Advocate, LLC. 2235 Staples Mill Rd. #110, Richmond, VA 23230

Committee Members Present: John Gibbs, Melissa Mahan, Jimmy Christmas, Walter Small Advocate

Committee Members Absent: Laura Pond and Simone Mitchell

Affiliates Present (Group A): Acclaim Care, Alternative Counseling, Between the T's, Changing Fazes, Edgewood Group, Faith & Family Advocates, Family Transitions, Good Neighbor, Halo, Hope, Unity, & Freedom (HUF), True Life, Open Arms

Affiliates Absent (Group A): None

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by John Gibbs @ 6:00pm
- II. **Introduction:** Introductions were made from LHRC members and all of the providers
- III. **Public Comments:** Ashley Kemnitz (Good Neighbor) recommended that minutes and agendas be sent out to all providers promptly after meetings. Recommendations made by committee members to have a meeting with Group A and B to discuss monthly meeting minutes and reports.
- IV. **Old Business:** No old business to discuss
- V. **New Business:**
 1. **Open Arms:**
Marsha Anderson, director, introduced Tom to present to the committee expansion plans to provide Outpatient Services
 2. **Acclaim Care:**
Abby Dixon presented to the committee expansion plan.
 3. **Good Neighbor:**
Ashley Kemnitz presented to the committee plans to add Day Support.
- VI. **Secretary's Report:** All Group A Providers were in attendance to include Open Arms (Group B).
- VII. **Office of Human Rights Comments:** The committee discussed recruitments of other providers to serve on the committee board.
- VIII. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** March 19, 2013—Group B—Hosted by: Safe Haven
- IX. The committee went into Executive session to interview a committee applicant
- X. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10pm.